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First of many?



Photos by Matt Heilman

Construction has started on the parking lot and 35,000-square-foot facility for Century Manufacturing in the south-west portion of the Sunflower Commerce Park near 53rd North and Webb Road.

Plans on track for initial tenant to move to industrial park

By Matt Heilman

Ground has broken. Bel Aire's industrial park, officially named "The Sunflower Commerce Park," is on track to welcome its first tenant by the end of the year.

Century Manufacturing, which creates acrylic and transparent plastic promotional materials, is moving to a lot near 53rd and Webb from its former home a few miles south across from Jabara Airport.

In its space in the 3300 block of Webb Road, Century Manufacturing owner Jim Laubach operated Heartland Coin Gallery at the front of the

building with manufacturing in the back.

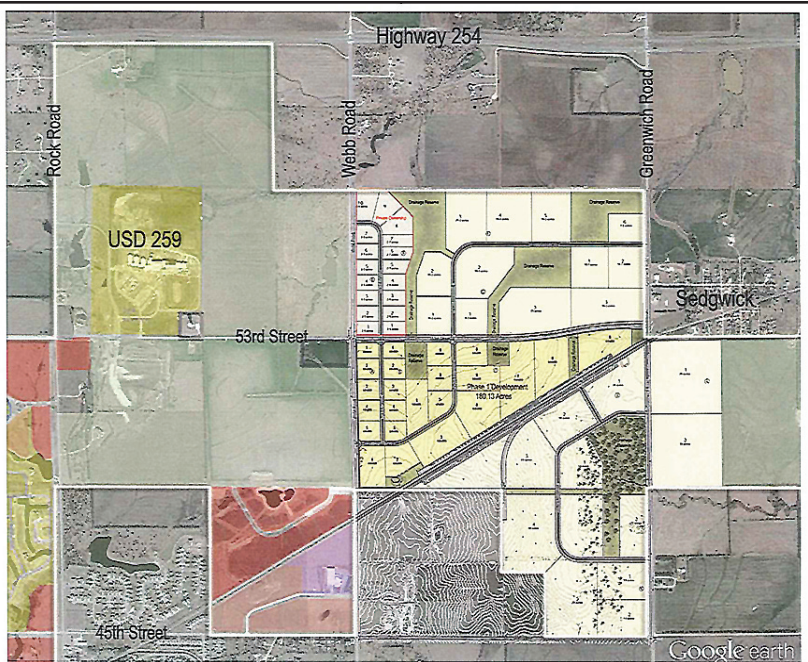
In August, Heartland Coin Gallery moved to its new home in the 2600 block of North Greenwich Road.

Century Manufacturing is making its move to Bel Aire to cut down on overhead, said the company's owner, Jim Laubach.

"Basically the reason we're moving is because the building we have is about three times bigger than what we need," Laubach said. "The overhead is horrendous."

With fewer overhead

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The yellow portion of the plat for Phase I of the 800-acre Sunflower Commerce Park includes the new home for Century Manufacturing.



Engineer replaces another on council

Ken Lee, Bel Aire resident and a former economic advisory board member, takes the oath of office to join the city council at the group's Sept. 17 meeting.

Matt Heilman



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In his five years serving on the Bel Aire City Council, Dave Sly was appreciated for his ability to reason effectively. He didn't often show much emotion, but the calculated engineer was credited for helping his city manage its debt to a point to where Bel Aire approved a 2013 budget without having to raise its property tax mill levy, a significant accomplishment for a city that at one point had faced the

real possibility of having to abandon its charter.

Sly's career as a Boeing engineer has moved him and his family to Oklahoma City. Another engineer familiar with the city's budget and its struggles has stepped in to help the council continue moving forward.

Ken Lee, also an engineer by trade, has served on Bel Aire's Economic Advisory Board for three years. The Washington State University alum has lived in Bel

Aire since 2002 and has been an associate with Wichita's Ruggles and Bohm P.A. since 1995, which is a private consulting firm specializing in subdivision design, land planning, civil surveying and commercial development, among several services.

With Lee's background, Mayor Harold Smith approached Lee about the vacancy on the council when Sly announced he'd be moving from Bel

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Cities resolve water dispute

By Matt Heilman

The stalemate in a dispute over water use has broken. With formal support from the Park City council at its Sept. 11 meeting, two area cities with a partnership in the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority have approved a water allocation agreement that has ended a threat of litigation.

The Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA) is the water and sewer treatment facility co-owned by Bel Aire and Park City that was built as the primary water supplier for both cities.

Each city has three representatives on the CCUA board and previous votes to amend the original contract signed in 2002 had been stuck at 3-3 with no tiebreaker.

The disagreement nearly led to a courtroom before a compromise was reached. At a July

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Bel Aire preps for recovery center

By Matt Heilman

The long-awaited arrival of the first tenant in a key commercial development in Bel Aire took another step toward becoming a reality at the Sept. 18 Bel Aire City Council meeting.

In preparation for the \$5 million Concierge Surgical Recovery Center to be built on two acres in the commercial development just south and west of 47th North and Webb Road, the council approved some engineering work to keep the ball rolling.

The council approved a professional consulting services agreement with Wichita-based Atwell, LLC for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers application and mitigation plan for

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New York went too far with soda ban

In 1971, a large group of groovy people gathered atop a hill in Italy to sing a heart-warming message of peace while holding glass bottles of Coca Cola in a far-out ad campaign. The song, which originated as “I’d like to buy the world a Coke” in that early 1970s TV commercial, is now more commonly known as “I’d like to teach the world to sing (in perfect harmony).”

But now, the same product that called for world peace is under attack.

OK, maybe that’s being a bit extreme, but the New York City Board of Health and Mayor Michael Bloomberg are wrong in their attempt to legislate how much cold, syrupy goodness people can buy in our country’s largest city.

Last month, the board of health approved Bloomberg’s plan to implement how much of a good thing is too much. Under the plan, all restaurants, stadiums, movie theaters and even New York’s famous hot dog stands are no longer allowed to sell sugar-



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

sweetened drinks in cups larger than 16 ounces.

The ban isn’t limited to soda. The ban also applies to sugary energy drinks and sweet goodness like slurpees and frappuccinos. The ban does not apply to what’s sold in grocery stores in New York City.

So it seems that if you live in the Big Apple and want to fall into a diabetic coma from drinking a few gallons of soda, you’ll have to do so out of the public eye after you unpack all of your “groceries.” The days of New Yorkers making multiple trips to the concession stand to refill their large cups with liters of Mountain Dew at

New York Knicks games are over.

You’re still welcome to the jumbo-sized tub of salted popcorn swimming in butter, but you’d better conserve your soda. For the sake of your health, you only get 16 ounces to wash it down.

You’re better off just kicking back a few brews at games in New York. As far as I know, there’s no ban on alcohol. Our country tried that once and it didn’t work out so well for those who were serious about enforcing it.

Last month, Austin Andrews, a season 11 contestant on the weight-loss show “The Biggest Loser,” was in Valley Center to speak with students and members of the community.

As a young man who has worked to change his life by making healthier decisions, Andrews said personal change must come from within and shouldn’t be legislated.

“The truth is, you can make it illegal, you can make it legal, you can legislate, (and) you can regulate. You can do whatever you want as a

government agency, but ultimately, if someone wants something, they will find a way to get it or they will find an alternative to it,” Andrews said.

I understand that Bloomberg is concerned about his city’s collective health and disturbing upward trends of childhood obesity and diabetes. I appreciate that he cares, but enough is enough.

People deserve the freedom to make their own choices when it comes to what they eat and drink.

I encourage people to take care of themselves and embrace a healthy lifestyle.

But it’s not my place, nor the government’s to infringe on personal freedoms. If it would help us progress toward peace, love and understanding, I’d gladly buy the world a Coke.

And you’d better believe it’d be a lot larger than 16 ounces.

Matt Heilman is a reporter for The Bel Aire Breeze. Reach him at matt@arkvalleynews.com.

Bel Aire on path to prosperity

Dirt’s moving, plans are becoming commitments and the City of Bel Aire is benefiting. From a development standpoint, the last couple of months have gone well for Bel Aire.

In September, the city council approved engineering work to begin on the proposed \$5 million Concierge Surgical Recover Center to be built on two acres in the Tierra Verde development near 47th North and Webb Road.

Plans for the three-phase, approximately 150-acre development were first discussed about five years ago. The economic downfall of 2008 delayed the start of the development and scaled back the plans, but Tierra Verde LLC president Terrie Grillot didn’t give up her vision.

We hope her patience and dedication to the project pays off. We’ve heard several options for developing the second and third phases of Tierra Verde. While we don’t know all of what will accompany the recovery center, we’re optimistic the development will be a boon to the city and will complement the nearby 800-acre industrial park land, now known as “The Sunflower Commerce Park.”

Also in September, we were pleased to see construction picking up on a lot in the southwest part of the industrial park acreage where Century Manufacturing is planning to move into a new 35,000-square-foot facility by the end of the year.

Bel Aire has more plans for commercial growth in the works and is seeing more tangible progress on the residential front. There’s a long way to go for Bel Aire, but we’re seeing progress.

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

There are three different types of services every Sunday. At 8:30 a.m., there is a Contemporary Service; at 9:45 a.m., a Kid Friendly Service as well as Sunday School for all ages; and at 11:00 a.m., a Traditional Lutheran Service. Communion is offered at every service every Sunday.

A variety of weekly and monthly activities are offered including Falcon Fellowship (Free lunch for students at Heights High School on the 2nd Wednesday of the month), Youth groups, Quilting, Choirs, and Men’s Breakfast.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscoxmail.com. Pastor Chad’s email is pastor@clc.kscoxmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (at 53rd and N. Hillside, across from Wichita Heights HS)

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord’s Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (on 45th North between Hillside and Oliver) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribbs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children’s church. Sunday school begins at 9:30.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday. Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee follow the service. Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203.

Senior Day first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Movie night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Phone number is 744-1221, website is www.kechiumc.org and e-mail address is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday worship and praise band is at 9:03 a.m., Sunday school is at 10 and worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening Rest Stop is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be prayer time, a short sermon and holy communion. Child-

care is provided.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children’s church are at 10:45.

Wednesday evening light meal at 6:30 and Bible study at 7.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children’s church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service. Wednesday evening ministries are 6:30-8 p.m. Come shred your personal

documents for FREE on Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. — Noon.

Preschool enrollment is now open for 3-year-olds through Pre-Kindergarten. Open House will be on Friday, Sept. 28 from 9 – 11 a.m.

The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538; www.risensavior.net.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

Associate pastor is Ron Gloe.

University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Charles Claycomb is the pastor.

Send your church’s upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.

Sunflower

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expenses, Laubach said he planned to hire more employees at the new facility in The Sunflower Commerce Park, but he didn’t have a timetable on when that would occur or how much he would expand his workforce.

“We need to hire some people, we just haven’t yet,” Laubach said.

As of Sept. 26, footings for the 35,000-square-foot facility were in place and engineers for the City of Bel Aire are designing the streets and infrastructure that will be going in, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said.

Laubach said construction on the main building was expected to start on Sept. 26, but would likely be delayed due to area storms.

The construction on the facility received the green light

after the council approved the issuance of about \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds for Century Manufacturing to construct its new home, which will include warehousing, office space and some manufacturing.

Laubach said he chose to move Century Manufacturing to The Sunflower Commerce Park because he was able to purchase a lot cheaper than he would have been able to in Wichita.

He said the business “still has a few more hurdles to get over” before it’s ready to move to Bel Aire, but he sees the goal to move by the end of this year as realistic.

“That’s the plan,” Laubach said.

To boost further development in The Sunflower Commerce Park, the City of Bel Aire has worked with the Wichita Economic Development Coalition to have the site certified by the state and recog-

nized as “shovel-ready” to potential developers or businesses that are looking to move.

More construction is also around the corner on the residential front where Wichita developer Gene Vitarelli is preparing to pull 10 building permits for single-family homes and duplexes to start the Rock Springs Addition neighboring the new home for Wichita’s Northeast Magnet High School near 53rd North and Rock road.

About 10 building permits have also been pulled for home construction to continue in the Central Park Community, meaning Bel Aire could soon see 20 housing permits pulled in the city.

“We haven’t had that in years,” Lasher said.

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City of Bel Aire



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For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Spice up your holidays with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations. On Saturday, October 20th, kids will be given the opportunity to get their creative juices flowing and put their own special twist on some holiday craft projects. Space is limited, therefore pre-registration is required

WALK WITH EASE

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with the Arthritis Foundation to bring you Walk with Ease, a structured six-week program for walking. Walk with Ease has been designed specifically for people with arthritis, but it can be a practical and useful resource for anyone who wishes to increase physical activity.

PRE-SEASON GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. The basketball clinic will be held Saturday, October 27th from 1:30-4:00pm. Please call Brent at 807-1036 or visit www.maximizetraining.com

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Basketball is for girls ages 5-11. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights beginning October 17. Games will be played on Saturdays starting October 27 (no games on November 24). The registration deadline is October 6.

A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700

DAZZLING DANCERS (ages 4 & up)

These recreational youth classes will focus on ballet and jazz dance. Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning in mid-October. Please call for more details.

ZUMBA

Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. Classes are held on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Teens & adults can join at any time!

TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations:

Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451
Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

Weekly Events:

Bel Aire Walkers – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled)

Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available

Men's Coffee & Fellowship – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center

Yoga – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)

Bridge Games – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center

Low Impact Aerobics – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center

Braum's Breakfast – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease Program — Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:12 a.m. at the Rec Center

Monthly & Special Events:

Oct. 15 – December 7th, Medicare Open Enrollment, see below for related events

Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner and John Richardson “Wichita Area Time Pieces” - Community Room

Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast – IHOP

Oct. 4, 10 a.m. – Overview of Medicare Open Enrollment

Oct. 6, 2 p.m. – Bel Aire Seniors 25th Anniversary – Bel Aire Park

Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center

Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Cheddar's 11711 E. 13th

Oct. 9, 9 a.m. – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center

Oct. 10, 10 a.m. – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center

Oct. 16, Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840

Oct. 17, 8a.m. – Bus to Ellinwood, Lunch at Lone Wolf Restaurant, Reservations by Oct. 11, Call Vicki 744-1199.

Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road

Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m. – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)

Oct. 17, 2 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road

Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. – Waste Connections Recycling Facility tour, Meet at Senior Center then will car pool to S. Hutchinson

Oct. 19, 7 p.m. – Movie Night – The Ghost and Mr. Chicken starring Don Knotts

Oct. 22, 6 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner and gospel singing by LaOuida Parker and Penny Carithers

Oct. 24, 10 a.m. – Open Sewing at the Senior Center

Oct. 24, 7 p.m. – Bunko games at the Senior Center

Oct. 25, 7p.m. – Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen, meet at Senior Center at 5:45 p.m. (reservation required, call Jennie 744-2451)

Oct. 26, 8a.m. - 5 p.m. – Medicare Counseling/Enrollment (appointment required, call 744-2451 ext 121)

Oct. 27, Amish Dinner – Call Gladys Cooper for more info

Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner, Marilyn Holt presentation on “The Orphan Train”

Community Events

TOPS – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

City Council Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month

Oct. 6 – 9:30 a.m. - Bel Aire resident Cynthia Wilson reading and signing “Who Will Take Care of Mom? A Guide for Family-Managed Senior Care” at Resurrection Catholic Church, 4910 N. Woodlawn

Oct. 8 – 7 p.m. – Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in Community Room

Oct. 9 – 12 p.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive at City Hall

Oct. 10 – 7:15 a.m. - Bel Aire resident Cynthia Wilson reading and signing “Who Will Take Care of Mom? A Guide for Family-Managed Senior Care” at Resurrection Catholic Church, 4910 N. Woodlawn

Oct. 11 — Red Hat Meeting and Lunch - Call Anita 744-2840 for more info

Oct. 15 – 7 p.m. - Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center

Oct. 16 – 4-6 p.m. - UAC Meeting at the Senior Center

Oct. 22 – 7 p.m. - Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center

Oct. 30 – 12-7 p.m. - Advanced Voting

Oct. 31 – 12-5 p.m. - Advanced Voting

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Bel Aire Community Blood Drive

Tuesday October 9th

12:00 pm – 3:15 pm

City Hall Community Room

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Recreation Department	744-2700
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Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
(Waste Connections)	838-4920
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

POLICE REPORTS

Sept. 27 — Lt. Griggs responded to a report of a larceny in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor Court. Someone entered two unlocked vehicles and took property.

Sept. 27 — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS on a female with difficulty breathing in the 4200 block of North Country Lane. The patient was taken to the hospital.

Sept. 26 — Officer Murphy responded to a domestic violence disturbance in the 6900 block of Odessa. Two people were advised to work together and cooperate in the interest of their children.

Sept. 25 — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license. The driver's license was taken.

Sept. 25 — Officer Foxx assisted the fire department by taking a report of a residence in the 4800 block of North Battin being struck by lightning. No damage was discovered.

Sept. 24 — Lt. Griggs responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6500 block of East Danbury.

Sept. 24 — Lt. Griggs responded to the Northeast Magnet High School at 5550 N. Lycee regarding a student having personal issues.

Sept. 23 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic violence disturbance in the 6100 block of Danbury. The disturbance was over money taken from a home in Wichita.

Sept. 23 — Officer McCaslin responded to a domestic disturbance in the 6400 block of East Perryton. A woman reported that her ex-husband was in Oklahoma and did not return their daughter.

Sept. 22 — Officer Hutton assisted the sheriff's office with a disturbance involving a knife in Kechi. There were no threats made.

Sept. 22 — Officer McCaslin responded to a loud music complaint in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake. A man was working on a car stereo and inadvertently turned it up too loud. The man apologized.

Sept. 22 — Officer McCaslin responded to a burglary in progress in the 4200 block of North St. James Court. The homeowner was cleaning the house and preparing it to be sold.

Sept. 21 — Officer Hutton assisted the sheriff's office in check-

ing for a wanted subject in the 3800 block of North Oliver. Officer arrested Tandi Dunning on a hold through Nebraska.

Sept. 21 — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Danbury. A man needed an ambulance to take him to the hospital because he was in a wheelchair.

Sept. 21 — Officer Foxx responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4000 block of North Farmstead. The dog owner said he would do what he could to keep the dog from barking.

Sept. 20 — Lt. Griggs assisted the fire department on a fire alarm at the Northeast Magnet High School. Crews were disregarded. The alarm was false.

Sept. 20 — Officer Swanson responded to a vandalism report in the 3800 block of North Cozy. Someone spray-painted graffiti on a man's metal garage. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Sept. 20 — Officer Swanson responded to a residential alarm in the 4200 block of North Eagle Lake. There were no signs of wrongdoing.

Sept. 20 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. Magdaleno Perez-Pascual was arrested on a warrant through Sedgwick County and was cited for speeding, no driver's license and no proof of insurance.

Sept. 20 — Officer Foxx stopped a pedestrian in the 4400 block of North Oliver. The pedestrian was arrested on a warrant.

Sept. 20 — Officer Foxx responded to a residence in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court to check on a person who made suicidal statements on Facebook. The person was not at the residence.

Sept. 19 — Lt. Griggs responded to a suspicious person call in the 5700 block of East 39th North. The person was in his vehicle during his lunch hour.

Sept. 19 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of trespassing in the 4900 block of North Highland. A person had entered a garage and photographed the stairs inside the house. The person was told not to enter other people's property without permission.

Sept. 19 — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm on a residence in the 6300 block of East Danbury. The garage door was open. There

were no signs of wrongdoing.

Sept. 19 — Officer Swanson responded to an animal call in the 5100 block of North Rock Road. A resident reported seeing a deer walking in circles on his property and foaming at the mouth. The deer was shot and tagged.

Sept. 19 — Officer Swanson stopped a vehicle in the 4900 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for speeding and canceled driver's license.

Sept. 19 — Officer Swanson took a larceny report at Family Video, 4554 N. Woodlawn. An employee said another employee may have stolen cash and a credit card. The money was later accounted for.

Sept. 19 — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4800 block of East 40th North. A dog was continuously barking. The residents were dog-sitting five small dogs and didn't want them inside their residence.

Sept. 19 — Officer Foxx assisted Wichita police with an alarm at JT Liquor Store in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn. A glass door to the store was broken and a large quantity of liquor was removed.

Sept. 18 — Officer Hutton responded to a residence in the 6400 block of East Rodeo to check for a person with a warrant. Teresa Carlsen was arrested on a charge of violation of her bond.

Sept. 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm at Heiland Enterprises, 3835 N. Hillcrest, Suite 1. Officer found an employee working on computers. The alarm was false.

Sept. 18 — Officer McCaslin responded to a disorderly conduct call in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake. A person reported finding a bucket containing snakes on the side of his house. The person believed a former neighbor put it there. He later found out that his daughter put the bucket there.

Sept. 18 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character call in the 6700 block of East Rodeo. A person saw a van driving slowly. Officer did not locate a suspicious van.

Sept. 17 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character call in the 6400 block of East Rodeo. A woman was sleeping in her vehicle.

Sept. 16 — Officer Murphy re-

sponded to an alarm on a residence in the 4500 block of Westlake Court. There were no signs of wrongdoing.

Sept. 16 — Officer McCaslin responded to the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5200 E. 48th North, where a group was playing on a field marked with a "Field Closed" sign. The group said it had permission to be on the field.

Sept. 15 — Officer Steele responded to a party in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor. Officer contacted two people who appeared they understood not to host further "clamorous gatherings," the report said.

Sept. 15 — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 6200 block of East 37th North. Jesse R. Leal was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Sept. 14 — Officer Murphy responded to an accident in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. There were no serious injuries. A driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Sept. 14 — Officers Moyer and McCaslin responded to an alarm at Enterprise Rental Car, 6300 E. 37th North. It was activated accidentally.

Sept. 14 — Officers Moyer and McCaslin assisted EMS with a person who lost consciousness in the 4600 block of North Hedgerow. The person was OK.

Sept. 14 — Officer Foxx responded to a traffic hazard in the 6100 block of East Danbury.

Sept. 14 — Officer Steele responded to a party reportedly involving a house full of college kids and loud music.

Sept. 13 — Officer Murphy responded to an accident in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. There were minor injuries.

Sept. 13 — Officer Murphy took a reckless driver report.

Sept. 12 — Officer Swanson assisted Wichita police on a welfare check in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

Sept. 12 — Officer Foxx checked two subjects walking in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor.

Sept. 11 — Officer McCaslin responded to a loud music complaint in the 6600 block of East St. James. There was no loud music.

Sept. 10 — Officer Hutton responded to a burglary alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. The alarm was false.

Sept. 10 — Officer Swanson assisted the fire department on a house fire. A propane tank exploded next to a house and fire engulfed the rear of the residence.

Sept. 10 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character call at 45th North and Oliver.

Sept. 10 — Officer Toomey responded to check the welfare of a resident in the 5100 block of East Ashton Court.

Sept. 9 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS with a patient with difficulty breathing in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

Sept. 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to a call of a found golden retriever in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 8 — Officer McCaslin assisted the fire department on a person with difficulty breathing in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 8 — Officer McCaslin responded to a dog at-large in the 4300 block of Bellmore.

Sept. 8 — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS on a patient with difficulty breathing in the 4000 block of North Harding.

Sept. 7 — Officer Murphy arrested Jerrod L. Richardson in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn on a warrant through Atchison County.

Sept. 6 — Officer Murphy responded to a call of a vicious pit bull in the 5700 block of East Flagstaff. Sedgwick County Animal Control apprehended the dog.

Sept. 6 — Officer Swanson responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4300 block of North Country Lane. The residence was secure and everything was OK.

Sept. 6 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS on a patient with low blood sugar in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 6 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS on a patient with difficulty breathing in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

Sept. 5 — Officer Murphy took a miscellaneous report at the station.

Sept. 5 — Officer Murphy and Lt. Griggs responded to check a residence in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court. Everything was OK.

Sept. 5 — Officer Murphy and Lt. Griggs responded to an injury accident in the 5300 block of North Rock Road. One person was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

Sept. 5 — Officer Swanson responded to a non-injury accident in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn.

Sept. 5 — Officer Swanson responded to check the welfare in the 4800 block of North Battin. Everything was OK.

Sept. 5 — Officer McCaslin booked two subjects on Bel Aire court commitments.

Sept. 5 — Officer Wallender booked one subject on a Bel Aire court commitment.

Sept. 5 — Officer Foxx responded to a car alarm in the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court. Everything was OK.

Sept. 4 — Officer Swanson responded to Wesley hospital on an aggravated assault report. A person reported that a unknown person shot him multiple times with a BB gun while he was working on a vehicle along the side of the road in the 3700 block of North Oliver.

Sept. 4 — Officer Swanson responded to a suspicious character call in the 6800 block of North Summerville.

Sept. 3 — Officer Murphy responded to an alarm at the Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lycee. The alarm was false.

Sept. 3 — Officer Swanson took a larceny report at the fire station, 4343 N. Woodlawn. A person broke into a vending machine and took candy out of it.

Sept. 2 — Officer Murphy responded to a report of an assault in the 6700 block of East 45th North.

Sept. 2 — Officer Murphy responded to check the welfare in the 5100 block of East Ashton.

Sept. 2 — Officer Murphy responded to an abuse call at the Bel Aire Park, 4300 N. Woodlawn.

Sept. 2 — Officer Swanson assisted the fire department on an alarm in the 4100 block of North Edinburg.

Sept. 2 — Officer Swanson assisted EMS on a medical call in the 6300 block of East Perryton.

Sept. 2 — Officer Steele responded to a suspicious character call in the 4200 block of North Auburn.

Sept. 1 — Officer Murphy responded to an auto larceny in the 4500 block of North Glendale.

Sept. 1 — Officer Steele discovered a speed limit sign in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn had been inverted.

Project

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Tierra Verde at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

The council also approved an agreement for engineering services with Certified Engineering Design for streets and drainage improvements in Phase II of Tierra Verde at a cost not to exceed \$98,794. The Phase II work is needed to complete the construction of a road to the future home of the Concierge Recovery Center which is part of the development's first phase, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said.

Tierra Verde will eventually consist of three phases. Once all of the infrastructure improvements are in place, the cost for the work will be issued in special assessments to new tenants, Lasher said.

In July, Tierra Verde LLC president Terrie Grillot said Dr. George Watson, currently working at the Park City Medical Center, would have an office on the lower level of the Concierge Recover Center and would eventually transition to operate a wellness center as part of Phase II of the development. Completion of Tierra Verde's first phase is expected in 2013.

The original plans for the approximate 150-acre development called for Tierra Verde to be anchored by a \$14 million health spa. Although plans have been scaled back, optimism hasn't waned on the potential for the development that has been planning to call Bel Aire home for about five years.

"I'm excited to see Tierra Verde moving and to see

infrastructure coming in," council member David Austin said.

Also on Sept. 18, the council:


- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$213,788.47.
- Saw newly appointed council member Ken Lee take the oath of office in his first meeting filling the vacancy of former council member Dave Sly. Sly's career as a Boeing engineer moved him and his family to Oklahoma City. Lee, also an engineer by trade, is a three-year member of Bel Aire's Economic Advisory Board who has called the city home since 2002.
- Accepted a proclamation declaring Sept. 19 as "No Text on Board Day," to raise awareness

about the dangers of texting while driving.

- Held a 10-minute executive session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege. No

binding action was taken in the closed meeting, but once the council reconvened in open session, the group agreed to accept a contract between the city and Shopping

Center Development Consultants. Shopping Center Development Consultants is working with the city to establish an identifiable downtown commercial district in Bel Aire.



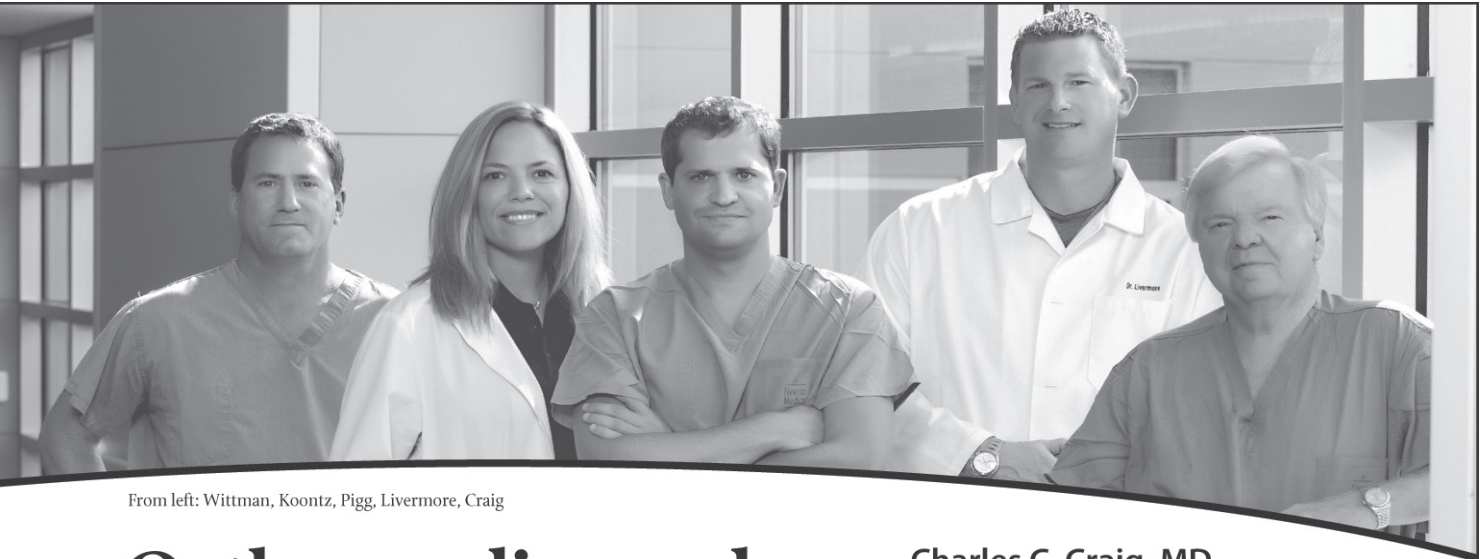
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Bel Aire OKs contract for gated apartment complex

By Matt Heilman

There's more good news on Bel Aire's residential development front. Last month, City Manager Ty Lasher said a developer had shown an interest in bringing an apartment complex to the city, consisting of 150 to 200 residential units.

At its Sept. 18 meeting, the

talk was backed by action. The interest is now a commitment. The Bel Aire council approved a contract with Shopping Center Development Consultants for residential property to accompany commercial expansion. Shopping Center Development Consultants has a contract with Hendersonville, Tenn.-based Corson Development

Inc. to build a 150- to-200-unit, market-based apartment complex, financed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on land neighboring the Central Park community southwest of 53rd North and Rock Road.

Lasher said the contract is for about 15 acres at \$1 per square foot. It will likely be another year before construction begins because the developer has to work out financing, he said.

A zoning change will also be required because the apartment complex will neighbor The Landing Addition in Central Park, consisting of single-family homes.

Lasher said the apartment complex would be gated. The complex would include a

pool and garages for parking and it would serve as a buffer between a future downtown district and single-family homes in Central Park.

The downtown district that is one day planned as a retail destination for northeast Sedgwick County, is proposed for about 400 acres, running north from about 53rd North and Rock Road.

The contract for the apartment complex land was approved one month after the Bel Aire council approved a resolution of support for the complex. The talk about the residential accompaniment of business expansion has been going on much longer.

"We've been looking at this for six months to a year," Lasher said.

HIGHLIGHTS

Senior club to mark 25th

Twenty five years later, the Bel Aire Senior Club is still going strong.

To celebrate its quarter-century anniversary, the club is planning a gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 6 in Bel Aire Park next the county fire station in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

The celebration will bring together past and present city leaders as well as participants in the senior club, several of which have been involved since it was formed and helped organize the group. Among those who have been there since the beginning is retired City of Bel Aire utility clerk Betty Martine, who continues to take an active role in the senior club and is leading the effort to organize the 25th anniversary celebration.

Martine said the senior club was established in February of 1987, but the celebration has been pushed back to early October with better assurance that the weather will cooperate.

— The Breeze staff

Lions Club will be serving homemade southern Italian meatballs with pasta, garlic bread, Sicilian salad, and dessert. Dine-in or carryout. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, under 3 years old eat free. Come support the local community.

— The Breeze staff

District grows by 536 students

The Wichita School district took its official headcount of public school students enrolled in the 2012-13 school year. As of Sept. 20, the public school enrollment was 50,639 students, an increase of 536 students from last fall's head count.

"This year's enrollment is the district's highest enrollment since 1975, and enrollment has grown by more than 1,574 students over the last 10 school years," said Wichita public schools spokesperson Susan Arensman.

— The Breeze staff

Local student receives degree

More than 400 students completed their degrees at Wichita State University in summer 2012.

Colinda E. Starling of Bel Aire graduated this summer and received a bachelor of arts in social work and graduated magna cum laude.

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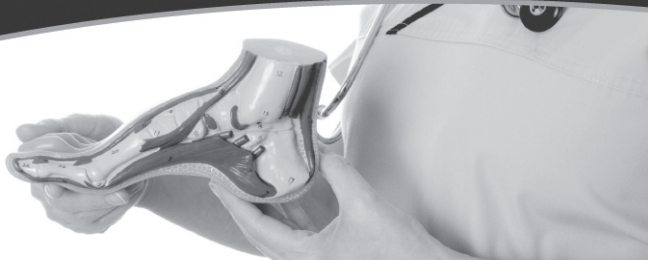
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31 special meeting, the Park City council approved a resolution to give the city's attorney authority to take legal action against the CCUA to force the organization to enforce its original contract. Essentially, the council voted to force Bel Aire to join Park City in compliance with the original agreement.

In that original contract, Park City and Bel Aire each agreed to pay for 50 percent of the water provided by the CCUA regardless of whether each city actually used 50 percent.

The 50-50 agreement matched each city's need when the contract was signed.

But in 2007, Bel Aire signed a take-or-pay agreement with the City of Wichita from which it began taking most of its water and lessening its dependence on the CCUA. Currently, Bel Aire gets about 70 percent of its water from Wichita.

In the water allocation agreement ironed out by the cities' attorneys and approved by both city councils, Bel Aire will continue to take 50 percent of the water from the CCUA, but is only permitted to use up to 165 million gallons of the approximately 450 million gallons of water the CCUA supplies each year. The city will sell its excess water to Park City.

"We're doing this because Bel Aire is willing to drop the variable amount they're allowed to have," Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said.

Bel Aire's delegation on the CCUA board wanted to renegotiate the original contract since their needs have changed. Park City's CCUA board members felt it unfair to make Park City's residents pay more to help Bel Aire.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher has said that it was a positive for Bel Aire to have two primary water sources and it made sense to get most of its water from Wichita with concerns over whether

the CCUA would be able to provide enough water rights to service both cities in case of an extended drought.

Whitson said the new agreement works in Park City's favor because it will allow the city to take less water from the City of Wichita, which is its backup source for water. Park City doesn't have a take-or-pay agreement with Wichita like Bel Aire does, but its dependence on its backup source has increased with the drought.

The agreement works in Bel Aire's favor because the city isn't left to pay for water it doesn't need, Lasher said.

Whitson said Park City normally allocates between \$40,000 and \$60,000 per year for Wichita water, but has already spent \$100,000 on the backup source this year. Wichita charges about \$1.76 per thousand gallons of water.

With its increased share in operating the water and sewer treatment facility, Whitson said about \$1.53 per thousand gallons has been budgeted for CCUA water.

He said the savings the city would see with less dependence on Wichita water should offset an estimated increase in what's paid to the CCUA.

"Water bills should pretty much stay the same," he said.

Park City will evaluate its water rates in October.

"If people keep using water the way they are now, we're gonna be OK," Whitson said.

The water allocation agreement is good for one year. The cities will review the agreement toward the end of 2013 before deciding if it should continue.

"This is a good short-term solution," Lasher said.

Council

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Aire.

"Being an engineer, service to the community is one of the things that we believe is important, so I figured I should take the opportunity to do my service to the community," Lee said.

From serving on the city's economic advisory board, Lee said the key to Bel Aire's

prosperity is its ability to continue its push to sell vacant land. Slowly, but surely the city is putting a dent in its debt that approached \$20 million.

"Obviously we've got a lot of financial hurdles to deal with over the next few years, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel and if we can the land sales going with the industrial park and some of the other things that are going on," Lee said. "If we can keep those moving ahead, Bel

Aire's gonna be a great city to live in, in the future. It is now and it's gonna continue to be a great city. I'm looking forward to the day when we can have the lowest taxes in the county again."

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Planner outlines possibilities along K-254 corridor

By Matt Heilman

Someday, the functional border between the cities of Bel Aire and Kechi could be sprawling with economic development and residential growth. With shared marketing efforts, the hope is that future development along K-254 will benefit both cities, Kechi and Bel Aire leaders have said.

Last year, Kechi and Bel Aire combined to win a \$25,000 grant called the Community Capacity Building Grant, which paid for a third-party consultant, Professional Engineering Consultants, to work with the cities to help them identify opportunities for collaboration where they could pool resources to save money and increase efficiencies.

PEC conducted a thorough study of each city individually and returned with a long list of money-saving opportunities, ranging from shared equipment to combined services.

Through public input and feedback from city leaders, the

starting focus was narrowed to economic development.

At a Sept. 6 open house in Kechi, Scott Dunakey, a senior planner at PEC outlined three possible scenarios for development along K-254. Each scenario was presented as a map, splashed with different colors that represent how land is zoned and what types of development could be the best fit for the land.

The maps stretch from Hillside to Greenwich and from 45th North to 69th North, encompassing most of the land in each city's limits. In the first scenario Dunakey presented on Sept. 6, development plans include a higher mix of commercial and industrial development at the Oliver interchange off K-254.

Transportation improvements recommend improved access with frontage roads and an upgrade to the intersection of Kechi Road (61st North) and Oliver to increase safety at the intersection and have it serve as a gateway to the planned com-

mercial development.

The first scenario also suggests access control along Oliver near the railroad crossing in Kechi and a full interchange at Webb Road to facilitate full access to the 800-acre industrial park land in Bel Aire, known as The Sunflower Commerce Park. There is also industrial property in Kechi, most of which is along 69th North between Oliver and Woodlawn.

The second scenario Dunakey presented was similar to the first with a couple noticeable changes, recommending industrial use on land recommended as agricultural or rural density in the first scenario and adding a roundabout at the intersection of Kechi Road and Oliver.

The final scenario encourages more commercial development along the interchanges with a better mix of small, neighborhood businesses with businesses that have more of a regional outreach and larger customer base, like box stores or chain restaurants.

The third scenario for devel-

opment calls for beautification to accompany a roundabout at Kechi Road and Oliver and encourages reverse frontage or "backage" roads between Rock and Greenwich Roads, which could facilitate more development, Dunakey said.

The Sept. 6 presentation in Kechi followed a previous presentation in Bel Aire where the three scenarios were outlined for residents and city officials. Like Kechi's representation, Lasher said the third scenario drew the most support.

After his presentation on the development options, Dunakey reviewed the feedback PEC had received on the Community Capacity Building Grant provided in a public input meeting last fall and a survey that was available for each city's residents online.

Besides economic development, other areas expressed as opportunities worth pursuing between the cities were in IT services and public works and utilities.

Specifically, Dunakey dis-

cussed the possibility for Kechi and Bel Aire to jointly purchase large equipment that each city could benefit in having, but wouldn't need to use on a daily basis.

"Those are the things we're looking at more than combining departments," Dunakey said.

He emphasized that any implementation of pooling resources or combined spending would be at the discretion of each community. Conger said the collaborative grant is "about 90 percent public driven."

To this point, the public hasn't expressed much interest in collaboration. The online public survey only drew 27 responses and didn't yield a valid sample size.

Moving forward, Dunakey reiterated that consolidation is not part of the plan. Last year,

Kechi residents made it known that they wanted no part of combining any departments with Bel Aire, especially its police department.

Lasher said Dunakey would give a presentation on results obtained from public input meetings at Bel Aire's Oct. 3 council meeting.

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City officials view city from train's perspective

By The Breeze staff

On Sept. 17, Bel Aire city officials were invited to take a ride on a Union Pacific train to get a unique look at the area and receive education on train

safety. Staff members including City Manager Ty Lasher, Mayor Harold Smith, and a Bel Aire police officer road the train from K-96 and Hillside to Benton and back.

"We were able to view

Bel Aire from the tracks and heard about the importance of crossings, pedestrians, etc. in relation to train traffic," Lasher said.

Wichita City officials, including Mayor Carl Brewer and Sedgwick County commissioners joined Bel Aire's representation on the train ride.

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